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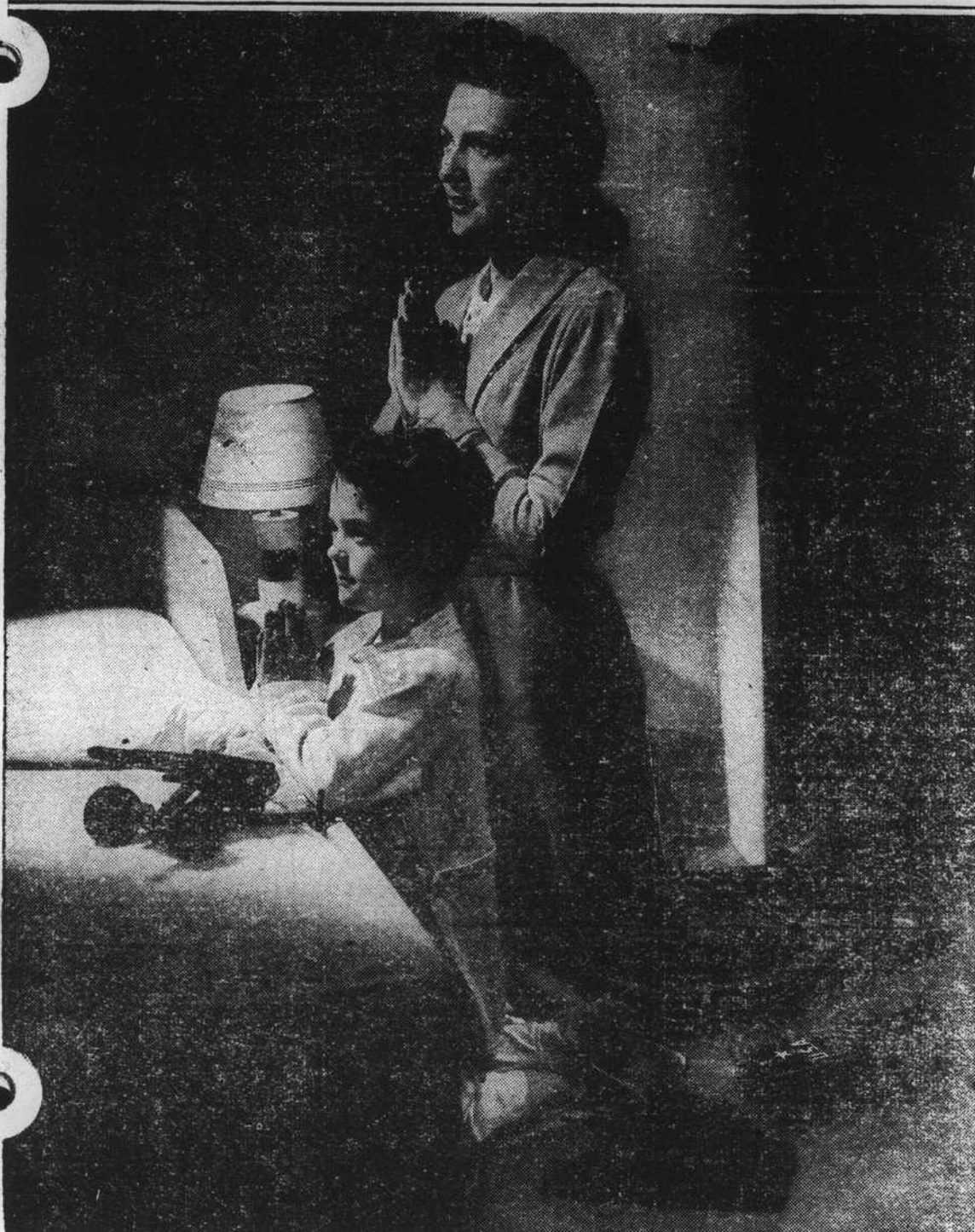
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THIS THANKSGIVING DAY—1943



We're thankful we live in the United States and for the ideals of liberty and freedom exemplified in our form of government. We are thankful for our free institutions and our way of life. We are thankful that we are able to buy War Bonds voluntarily, so that we may have a personal and direct hand in bringing him back to us sooner. God bless him and keep him safe for us.

\$12,000 Fire Levels Roduco Cotton Gin

8,982 Receive No. 4 Ration Books in County

A total of 8,982 No. 4 ration books have been issued in Gates county, according to a report made this week by Mrs. L. C. Hand, price clerk.

She said it was thought that there were still some people in the county who have not yet received their books. People in the county who have not received their books should apply at the rationing board office.

The total number of books issued is considerably less than the 1940 census of 10,060 for Gates county. Either a large number of people have not yet received their books, or a large number have left the county for employment in defense areas.

Damage estimated at \$12,000 was done to the Roduco cotton gin between 1 a. m. and 2 a. m. Saturday morning when a fire of undetermined origin leveled all the buildings to the gin except the seed house.

A total of 53 bales of cotton was destroyed. All the cotton in the gin was covered by insurance, Lycurgus Howell, operator, said, but the building proper and the equipment was not covered. The gin was a total loss.

Cotton seed and cotton was still burning late Monday afternoon. Residents of Roduco were still pouring water on the smouldering cotton attempting to keep the fire from spreading to the nearby woods.

Forty-four of the 53 bales of cotton were the property of the company which operates the gin, but nine bales belonged to individuals in Gates county. S. A. Hall of Gatesville had five bales in the gin, Joe T. Eure of Eure

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Chairmen Named For Townships In Seal Drive

The annual Christmas Seal sale campaign is now under way in Gates county.

Mrs. Tazewell D. Eure is serving as chairman of the Seal sale in Gatesville; Mrs. Mills Greene, Eure; Mrs. E. L. McCoy, Sunbury; Mrs. Carrie Collins, Hobbsville; Mrs. J. R. Freeman, Gates, and Prof. T. S. Cooper, principal Gates Training school, the Negro schools.

It is hoped that all citizens will contribute to the campaign through the purchase of Christmas Seals to the end that a wartime rise in tuberculosis can be prevented in this county, as well as in the country as a whole. Mrs. J. L. Sawyer, chairman of Christmas Seal Sale, said.

W. M. Hollowell To Direct Gates Farm Bureau Campaign

Turner Guilty Of Cruelty To Animals

Gatesville took on the air of a festival or circus day Monday when Gates county superior court opened in the court house for a one-week mixed term with Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City on the bench.

Chester Morris, solicitor, now of Currituck county, returned to his native county to prosecute the docket.

By the middle of Monday afternoon eight cases had been heard, three of them divorce cases.

E. F. Turner of Gatesville had been pronounced guilty of cruelty to animals by a jury, but sentence had not been made. Turner was convicted of keeping horses in his lot without providing proper shelter for them.

In a case which had been on the docket since the November term, 1941, John H. Trotman was declared guilty of reckless driving and manslaughter. He received a sentence of three years in prison suspended on payment of costs and a fine of \$500. He was also ordered to pay a part of the funeral expenses of Anne Smith and to pay for damages to property of R. E. Bagly. He was placed on probation for five years and ordered not to drive on the highways of North Carolina for the next three years.

L. E. Francis entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving and

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War Bond Auction Sale Wednesday At Gates School

War Bond auction sale will be held Wednesday night (tonight) at Gates school at intermission of turkey supper and dance which is being sponsored by the Gates PTA.

The auction sale is being held under the direction of Robin Hood, war bond sales chairman for Gates county, who is also directing a bond and stamp sale among the homerooms of the Gates school.

Through Monday of this week a total of \$1,251.30 in bonds and stamps had been sold at the Gates school, or an average of \$9.34 per pupil. Mrs. Doris B. Wiggins' fourth and fifth grade homeroom was in the lead with a total of \$526.05. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Darden's sixth and seventh grade class was second with \$466 to its credit.

Of the 134 students participating in the contest, 73 had purchased stamps and bonds through Monday.

The contest closes on December 4 and winners will be announced on December 6.

Initial steps towards realizing a goal of 300 Farm Bureau members for Gates county were taken Friday night in Gatesville when 40 farmers from all sections of the county elected W. M. Hollowell, of Hobbsville, chairman of the membership drive.

Spurred on by the efforts of R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina farm bureau, farmers backed Hollowell for membership chairman by pledging to sign up at least the goal of 300 members.

Shaw was the featured speaker for the occasion which was the second gathering of farm bureau members in the county during the past three weeks.

Shaw centered his remarks about the topic, "Farm Organization and Whether it is Meeting the Challenge." Never before in the history of any organization have "so few done so much for so many". Shaw said in urging the members to join the farm bureau.

Quotas accepted by the town-

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\$166 Collected In Junior Red Cross Campaign

A total of \$166.18 was collected in the Junior Red Cross drive in the Gates county schools, Mrs. W. Henry Overman announced this week.

The drive was conducted from November 1 through November 15.

Amounts raised by white schools in the county are: Eure \$8.10; Gates \$10; Hobbsville \$25.07; Sunbury \$28.67; Gatesville \$51. Total—\$122.84.

Negro schools raised the following amounts: Beautiful White Oak \$2.05; Buckland \$2.30; Hinton's Grove \$1; Milley Bridge \$2.03; Reid's Grove \$2.05; Roduco \$5; Ariel \$1; Stoney Branch 50c; Rooks \$4.41; Newberry \$3; Corapeake \$1; Kelloggs \$1; Middle Swamp \$1; Gates Training school \$12; Key's Fork \$1; Hobbsville \$2; and Willow Branch \$2. Total—\$43.34.

Flat Branch, Hudgin's Branch and Ballards have not made their reports to Mrs. Overman.

Mrs. Overman expressed her thanks for the cooperation given her. Goal for the campaign was \$100.

Negro Fined On V-D Charge

Junius Arline, Negro, Route 1, Hobbsville, was found guilty in the magistrate's court in Gatesville Monday for failure to take treatment for venereal disease after having been notified by the draft board, the Gatesville health department, and the V-D control officer. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of fine and costs totaling \$16, and on condition that he take treatments regularly at the Gatesville health office.